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14 MAY 1952

Mr. Edward T. Dickinson
Vice Chairman
National Security Resources Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

Reference is made to your letter of 10 April 1952, my letter of 6 May 1952 and our conversation of 7 May 1952 concerning the establishment of official liaison between the National Security Resources Board and the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

My representative at the Intelligence Advisory Committee meeting on 6 May 1952 discussed with General W. B. Smith, Director of Central Intelligence, the matter of satisfying your requirements for information as to the strategic vulnerability of the United States and its territories. General Smith agreed that if your representative will advise his deputy, Mr. Loftus Becker, of your requirements, the Central Intelligence Agency will assist the NSRB to the maximum extent practicable.

In view of the many factors which affect the strategic vulnerability of the United States and its territories, some of which come within the purview of agencies outside the Air Force and the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency is the proper source of studies and estimates on this subject.

As indicated in our subsequent conversation, I can appreciate your desire to have your representatives discuss air targeting theories with us from time to time to assure that your plans and programs are in tune with what we have to offer. You will appreciate that, to be effective, air targeting must never become static. A theory which appears to be sound today may be considered completely unsound within a matter of a very short time if new weapons and techniques are developed and additional Intelligence is obtained on our potential enemy.

We shall, therefore, be pleased to establish liaison with the representatives you have named for the purpose of discussing air targeting theories as applied to the strategic vulnerability of the United States and its territories. They may contact Brigadier General William M. Garland, my Deputy for Targets or Colonel Edward H. Porter, my Deputy for Estimates. In addition, I shall be pleased to discuss the subject with them.

Sincerely,

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